

*****August 31, 2021*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a Special Called meeting on Tuesday, August 31, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Charles Poss
Vice Mayor Susannah Murdock
Councilmember Vicki Anderson
Councilmember Andrew Gardner

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal
Finance Director/Town Recorder Carol White
Special Proj. & Compliance Manager Sam Guin
See attached list for others present

Mayor Poss led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Poss asked if there were any requests to address the Council.

Dan Landrum, Kentucky Avenue, asked the Council to consider the benefit of finding someone to fill the council vacancy who opposes their view point. He asked that the process remain open to the public and suggested the residents should have the opportunity to ask questions of the candidates.

Anne Hagood, James Boulevard, spoke in favor of seeking a local, older person to fill the vacant council position

Mayor Poss thanked Mr. Landrum for being a voice of reason for many years. There being no further requests, the meeting proceeded.

Discussion

- a. Procedures Regarding Council Seat Vacancy. Councilmember Gardner presented an updated application for candidates. Following discussions regarding this and scheduling, the Council agreed that the deadline for candidates to apply is September 15th. Council asked candidates to send applications to Town Attorney, Harry Cash. They agreed that Council will decide the top 5 questions, from those submitted by residents, for the candidates' responses. Candidates will have from September 15th through September 20th to submit answers to the questions. Council agreed to appoint Councilmember Gardner as the liaison to the Personnel Committee, a position also vacated with Councilmember Landrum's departure.

Other Business

a. Communications from the Mayor/Council.

Mayor Poss said that he had spoken to Honna Rogers who said that MTAS will review department operations for free if done a few at a time.

Councilmember Gardner said that the Recreation Board walked the improvements at Marion and Driver Fields. He said the improvements should last a long time.

Council agreed to implement a mask mandate for all public areas of Town Hall. The Council agreed that masks would not be required when active in the gym. Council also agreed to re-evaluate these decisions each meeting.

Mayor Poss informed the Council that he, Mr. Veal and staff met with the State Comptrollers Office regarding the Recovery Act Funds. Mr. Veal explained to them that the Town is considering using the funds largely for water and stormwater infrastructure projects and has also discussed using some of the funds for premium pay. The representatives from the Comptroller's Office indicated that these were among the most common uses other municipalities have expressed interest in.

b. Reports from Committees or Boards. None

c. Other. None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.



Charles Poss, Mayor



Recorder